



## Rounded-Corner Clipping Mask

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Add softness to your page design by using a shape tool to round the sharp corners of a clipping mask.

### For this tutorial you will need:

- A paper or photo from your stash
- Adobe Photoshop or Photoshop Elements

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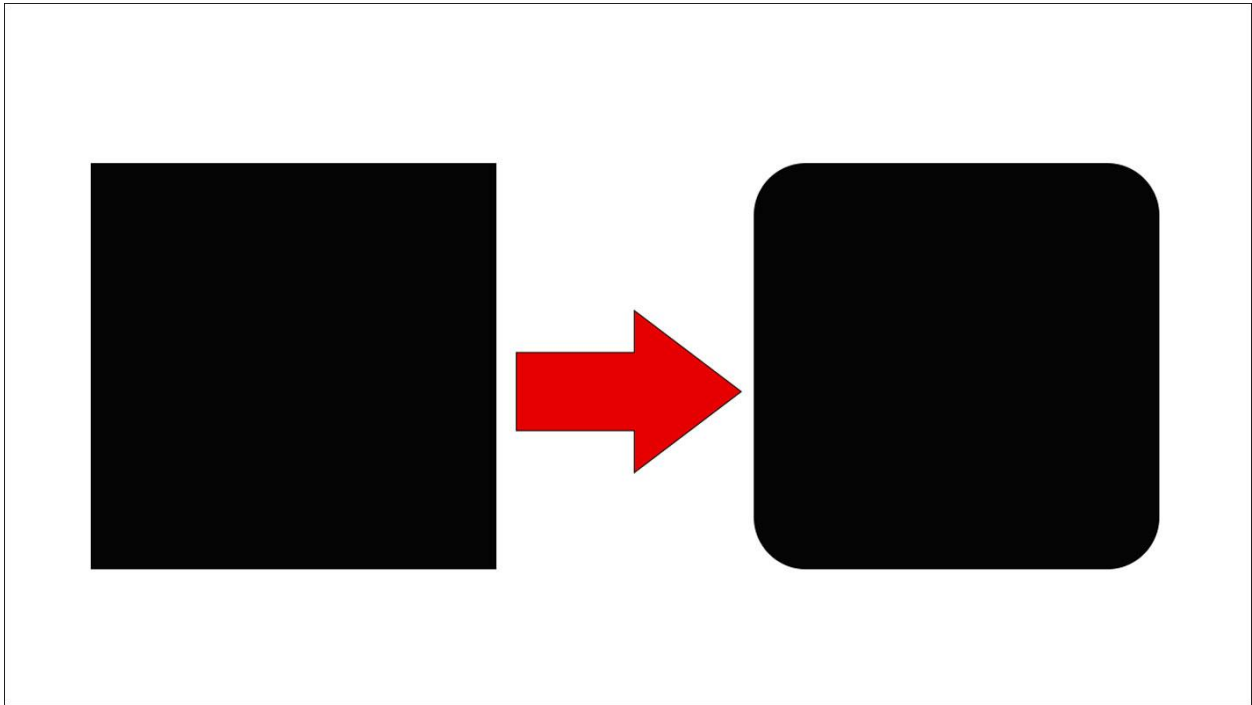
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Here is a preview of what we'll be creating together. We will be creating a rectangular-shaped clipping mask with rounded edges.

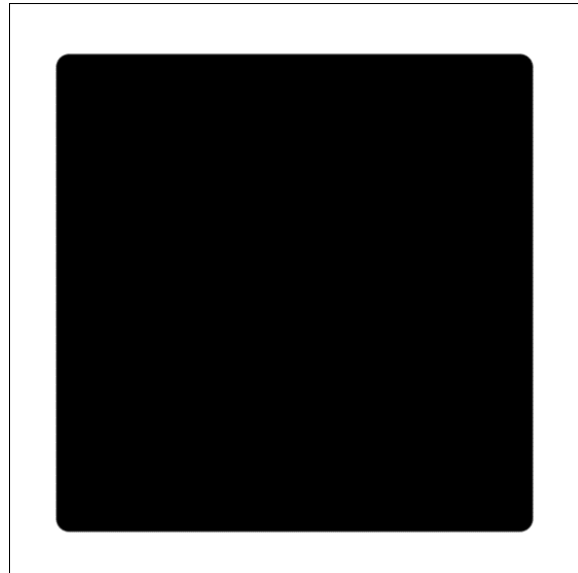


### **Step One: Prepare the Workspace**

- Create a new document in your preferred scrapping size (File > New > Blank File) at 300 ppi with a white background. (PS: Choose File > New.) I'm using a 12x12 inch document.
- Press the letter D to reset the Color Chips to the default of black over white.

### **(Photoshop Elements Only) Step Two: Create a Rounded Rectangle**

- Get the Rounded Rectangle tool. It's nested with the shape tools.
- In the Tool Options, set the Radius to 80 px and the Color Chip should be black. Open the Geometry Options and choose Unconstrained. Uncheck both From Center and Snap. Click on the New Shape Layer icon. If applicable, set the Style to None.
- On the document, starting in the top left corner, click and drag out a



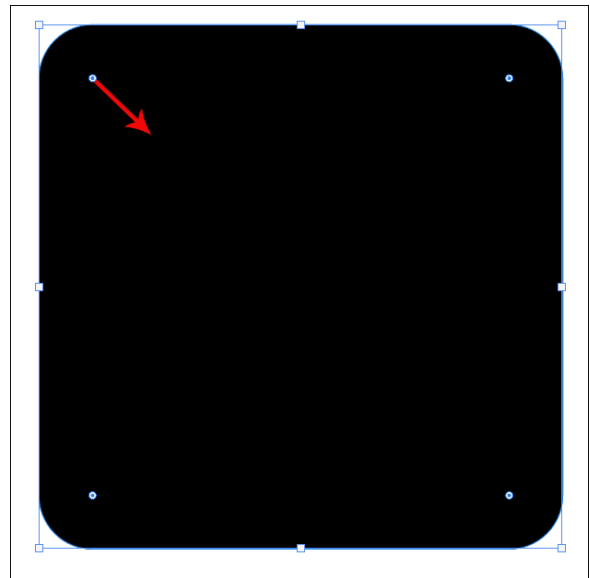
rectangle. Hold down the Shift key while dragging to create a perfect square. To reposition while dragging, press and hold the Space bar.

NOTE: A higher Radius value will produce more roundness and a lower Radius value will produce less roundness.

- If an 80 px radius isn't to your liking, press Ctrl Z (Mac: Cmd Z) to undo the last step and try again.

### **(Adobe Photoshop Only) Step Two: Create a Rounded Rectangle**

- Get the Rectangle tool. It's nested with the shape tools.
- In the Tool Options, set the Mode to Shape, the Fill to Solid Color, the Stroke to None, and the Path Operations to New Layer. Open the Path Options and choose Unconstrained. Set the Radius to 0 px.
- On the document, starting in the top left corner, click and drag out a rectangle. Hold down the Shift key while dragging to create a perfect square. To reposition while dragging, press and hold the Space bar.
- On the document, click and drag one of the Radius points towards the center of the shape. The further you drag inward, the more round the corners will become.



### **Step Three: Clip a Paper or Photo to the Clipping Mask and Finish the Page**

- Choose a paper or photo to clip to the rectangular shape.
- For instructions on how to clip a paper or photo, please visit our free The Fundamentals class section: [Layers: A Scrapper's Guide to Clipping](#).
- Finish your project as desired.



Here is a page I created using the rounded corners on two papers in the background, the photo, and the journaling cards. I love how the rounded corners soften the shape and add interest.



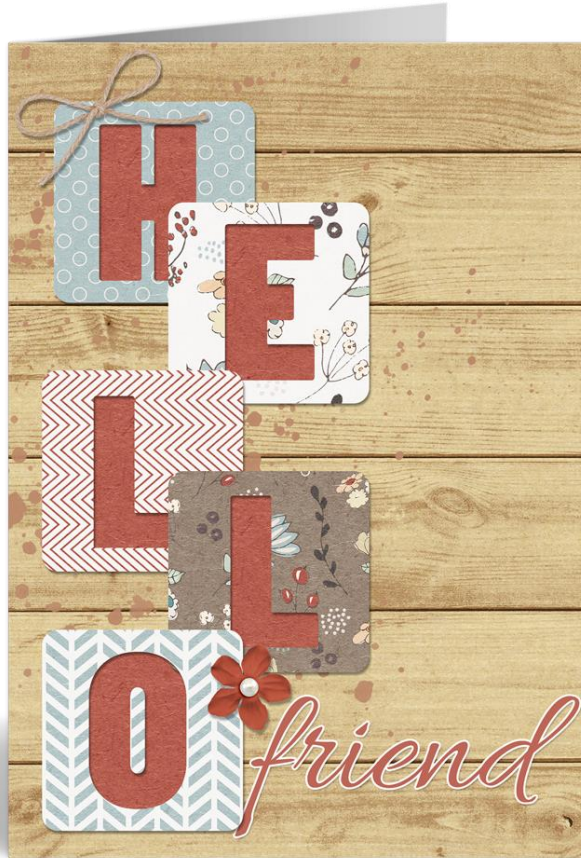
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In this example, I rounded the square cut-out letters. The rounded edges add a fun look to the card.



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